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The above information is submitted to advise the U.S.P.T.O.  
of all relevant facts in connection with the present application.

A timely executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R.  
§ 1.64 will follow.

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